

REMARKS

In response to the official action dated May 3, 2006, claims 1, 22, 23, 25-29, 31 and 32 have been amended. Claims 7 and 24 have been cancelled and claims 33 and 34 are newly presented. Newly presented claims 33 and 34 are supported by the original application as filed and correspond to apparatus claims 22 and 32 respectively, but written in a means plus function element format.

Referring now to paragraph 3 of the official action, claims 1, 22, 31 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph for reciting "a public telecommunication network". Although a Public Switch Telephone Network (PSTN) is recited at page 8, lines 20-28, the objection to claims 1, 22, 31 and 32 has been overcome by deleting the word "public" with respect to the telecommunication network.

Referring now to paragraph 4 of the official action, the objection to claim 32 has been corrected in the manner as suggested by the Office.

Referring now to paragraph 5 of the official action, claims 1-3, 6, 8-10, 13, 16, 18-20, 22-25 and 28-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in view of U.S. Patent 5,903,851, Bäckström in view of U.S. Patent 6,539,237, Sayers.

With respect to claim 1, it has been amended to incorporate the resynchronization action as recited in claim 7 and claim 7 has been cancelled. Thus, with respect to amended claim 1, reference is hereby made to the rejection of claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) in which Bäckström and Sayers are further combined with U.S. Patent No. 6,088,600, Rasmussen. In particular, amended claim 1 defines that a resynchronization procedure is stopped and that a corresponding timer is also stopped in order to prevent a call failure (see description at page 12, lines 5-9). The Office recites Rasmussen including column 6, lines 11-53 for support of a feature of stopping resynchronization attempts toward one of the call parties. This portion of Rasmussen discusses that some type of resynchronization procedure can be implemented in which the cellular modem being in an inactive state is periodically powered up to perform a

quick re-train. Rasmussen does not disclose or suggest that a resynchronization, when implemented, can be stopped or a corresponding timer can be stopped. In fact, the disclosure of Rasmussen appears to be diametrically opposed to the actions recited in previous claim 7 (now incorporated into amended claim 1) and therefore it would not be possible to achieve the features recited in amended claim 1 based upon this prior art.

Furthermore, claim 1 has been amended to delete reference to "a call transfer supplementary service" since the addition of the subject matter of claim 7 into amended claim 1 is directed only to a "call hold supplementary service". In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is distinguished over the cited art. Since claim 1 is believed to be distinguished over the cited prior art, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2, 3, 6, 8-10 and 13-21, all of which are ultimately dependent on claim 1, are further distinguished over the cited prior art.

Claim 22 has been amended in a manner similar to that of claim 1 and for similar reasons it is believed to be distinguished over the cited prior art.

Claims 23 and 25-29 are therefore believed to be further distinguished over the cited art since all of these claims ultimately depend from amended claim 22.

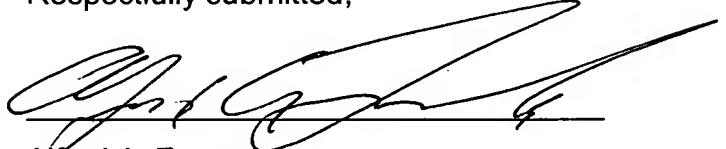
Method claim 31 has been amended in a manner similar to claim 1 and for similar reasons it is believed to be distinguished over the cited prior art.

Similarly, independent apparatus claim 32 has been amended in a manner similar to claim 22 and is therefore believed to be distinguished over the cited prior art.

Finally, independent apparatus claims 33 and 34 are respectively similar to independent apparatus claims 22 and 32, but written in a means plus function format. For the same reasons as presented above with regard to claim 22 and 32, these claims are believed to be distinguished over the prior art.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application as amended is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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